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Dear Mr. Smithson:

In accordance with Iowa Code section 68B.4, the Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board recently granted consent for members of the Board to sell or lease goods and services as follows:

- Members of the Board may sell or lease goods or services to any individual association, or corporation regulated by any division within the Department of Public Health, other than the Board on which that official serves. This consent is granted because such sale or lease of goods or services does not affect the Board member's duties or functions on the Board.
- Members of the Board may sell or lease goods or services to any individual, association, or corporation regulated by the Board if those goods or services are routinely provided to the public as part of that person's regular professional practice. This consent is granted because the sale or lease of such goods or services does not affect the Board member's duties or functions on the Board. In the event a complaint is filed within the Board concerning the services or goods provided by the Board member to any member of the public, the Board member is prohibited from participating in a decision by the Board in that case. See, for example, Code of Administrative Judicial Conduct, 481 Iowa Admin. Code r. 10.29(3)(b).
- Individual application and approval are not required for the sales or leases authorized by the Consent unless there are unique facts surrounding a particular sale or lease which would cause the sale or lease to affect the sellor's or lessor's duties or functions on the Board, would give the buyer or lessee an advantage in dealing with the Board, or would otherwise present a conflict of interest as defined in Iowa Code section 68B.2A or the common law.

4. Individual application and approval, when required, shall conform to the procedures and guidelines outlines in 351 lowa Admin. Code r. 6.11, and shall only be granted by a majority of a quorum of the Board.

I have attached the "Consent to Sales and Leaves of Goods and Services" signed by the Board Chairperson.

If you should have any questions regarding the Board's action, please contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Matt Oetker

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CC: Cindy Houlson, Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Board Executive Officer

CONSENT TO SALES AND LEASES OF GOODS AND SERVICES

The Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board (hereinafter "Board") is established in Iowa Code chapter 105 and regulates those licensed to operate as a contractor an those licensed to practice in the plumbing, HVAC, hydronics, and refrigeration trades. The Board is comprised of 11 members appointed by the Governor. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 68B.4, Board members shall not sell or lease, either directly or indirectly, any goods or services to individuals, associations, or corporations that are subject to the regulatory authority of the Iowa Department of Public Health except as authorized by Iowa Code section 68B.4 and the administrative rules adopted by the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board, 351 Iowa Administrative Code 6.11.

On the 19th day of October, 2010, the Board granted consent for members of the Board to sell or lease goods and services as follows:

- 1. Members of the Board may sell or lease goods or services to any individual association, or corporation regulated by any division within the Iowa Department of Public Health, other than the Board on which that official serves. This consent is granted because such sale or lease of goods or services does not affect the Board member's duties or functions on the Board.
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- 4. Individual application and approval, when required, shall conform to the procedures and guidelines outlines in 351 Iowa Admin. Code r. 6.11, and shall only be granted by a majority of a quorum of the Board.

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